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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/717,637

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For: WASHING MACHINE AND CONTROL  
METHOD THEREOF

Examiner: **Rita Ramesh Patel**

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**RESPONSE TO SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION  
AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Sirs:

The Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to speak with the Applicant's Representative on April 20, 2007. The substance of the interview is set forth below and constitutes a record of the interview.

During the interview, Applicants' Representative argued that the Supplemental Action dated April 6, 2007 was improper. Specifically, the Supplemental Action fails to address the Amendment that was filed by the Applicants on April 2, 2007. The Applicants' Representative asserted that since the Supplemental Action fails to consider the Amendment filed April 2, 2007, a new, comprehensive Office Action must be issued. The Examiner agreed to issue a new Office Action in due course but no later than June 22, 2007.

The Applicants' Representative further argued that the Supplemental Action improperly set a 3-month Statutory Period for Reply. The Supplemental Action merely acknowledged the traversal of the Restriction Requirement included in the Election filed August 10, 2006 and does not require any action by the Applicants in response. The Examiner agreed that the Supplemental Action does not require any action by the Applicant, however stated that she was unable to change the fact that a 3-month Statutory Period for Reply was currently

pending in this application. Applicants' Representative pointed out that if the status of the Supplemental Action was changed from a Response requiring a 3-month Statutory Period for Reply to a Miscellaneous Paper requiring no period for reply, the record would clearly show that no action or reply is currently required by the Applicants. In response, the Examiner stated that her supervisor had instructed her to set a 3-month Statutory Period for Reply because there was no alternative way to classify this action. However, she reiterated that she would issue a new Office Action and reset the entire 3-month Statutory Period for Reply upon mailing of the new Office Action and encouraged the Applicants' Representative to continue to contact her to determine the status of the new Office Action.

In addition, Applicants' Representative requested clarification regarding which communications the Non-final Office Action dated November 1, 2006 and the Supplemental Action dated April 6, 2007 were in response to. Specifically, the Non-final Office Action indicated that it was in response to communications filed on November 21, 2003 (the filing date of the application) and the Supplemental Action indicated that it was in response to communications filed November 1, 2006. The Applicants' Representative pointed out that the Non-final Office Action should have been in response to the Election and Amendment filed August 10, 2006 and the Supplemental Action in response to the same August 10, 2006 communication. The Examiner acknowledged that both the Non-final Office Action dated November 1, 2006 and the Supplemental Action dated April 6, 2007 were in response to the Election and Amendment filed August 10, 2006 and that incorrect dates were inadvertently indicated in both the Non-final Office Action and the Supplemental Action.

The Applicants continue to traverse the validity of the Supplemental Action dated April 6, 2007 setting 3-month Statutory Period for Reply and hereby request a new Office Action without delay properly addressing the Response and Amendment filed April 2, 2007, wherein a new 3-month Statutory Period for Reply starts from the date of mailing of the new Office Action.

The application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other an in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to

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Response to Restriction dated August 10, 2006  
Office Action dated July 10, 2006

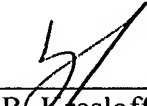
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discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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